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To establish an Energy Policy Council to develop a National Energy Plan and monitor the implementation thereof, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. LARSON of Connecticut introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. ESTABLISHMENT OF ENERGY POLICY COUNCIL.**

4 There is established an Energy Policy Council (in this
5 Act referred to as the “Council”) within the Executive Of-
6 fice of the President, which shall consist of—

7 (1) the Secretary of Energy, or the Secretary’s
8 designee, who shall serve as chairman of the Coun-
9 cil;

1 (2) the Secretary of Transportation, or the Sec-
2 retary's designee;

3 (3) the Secretary of Housing and Urban Devel-
4 opment, or the Secretary's designee;

5 (4) the Secretary of Defense, or the Secretary's
6 designee;

7 (5) the Administrator of the Environmental
8 Protection Agency, or the Administrator's designee;

9 (6) the Secretary of Agriculture, or the Sec-
10 retary's designee; and

11 (7) the Secretary of Commerce, or the Sec-
12 retary's designee.

13 **SEC. 2. FIRST MEETING.**

14 The Council shall hold its first meeting not later than
15 30 days after the date of enactment of this Act.

16 **SEC. 3. FUNCTIONS.**

17 The Council shall, not later than 4 months after the
18 first meeting described in section 2, transmit to the Con-
19 gress—

20 (1) a National Energy Plan, developed in con-
21 sultation with other appropriate Federal agencies,
22 to—

23 (A) guide and ensure the coordinated im-
24 plementation of United States energy policies;
25 and

1 (B) address—

2 (i) reducing our dependence on for-
3 eign oil;

4 (ii) strengthening national security;

5 (iii) lowering energy costs for con-
6 sumers;

7 (iv) creating markets for clean energy
8 jobs;

9 (v) reducing global warming;

10 (vi) increasing energy efficiency;

11 (vii) creating new pathways for inno-
12 vative energy research and development;
13 and

14 (viii) any other national energy goals
15 the Council considers appropriate; and

16 (2) a plan for comprehensive Federal depart-
17 mental reform, as necessary and appropriate to—

18 (A) eliminate wasteful spending;

19 (B) eliminate overlapping programs; and

20 (C) establish a consolidated entity, to be
21 known as the Department of Energy Policy, to
22 help carry out the energy plan transmitted
23 under paragraph (1).

1 **SEC. 4. REPORTS.**

2 Until the establishment of the Department of Energy
3 Policy, the Council shall annually, after the transmittal
4 of the plans under section 3, transmit to the Congress a
5 report that—

6 (1) reviews such plans and recommends appro-
7 priate amendments thereto;

8 (2) assesses the implementation of such plans
9 by Federal agencies; and

10 (3) makes recommendations for any additional
11 improvements to United States energy policies.

12 **SEC. 5. STAFF.**

13 The Council may hire staff to enable it to preform
14 its functions under this Act.

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